

# Volunteering to Mentor Recent Grads

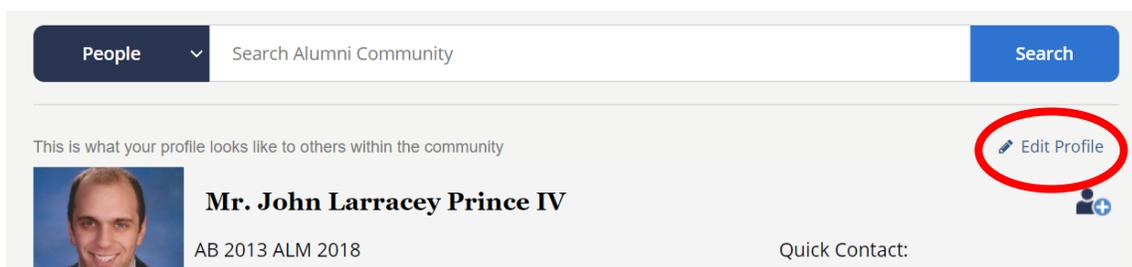
The College Alumni Programs office of the Harvard Alumni Association encourages recent graduates (whether or not they serve in class volunteer roles like Class Committee members or activities chairs) to connect with each other for advice, mentorship, and support. This is a simple and impactful volunteer opportunity for older recent graduates to be able to help younger recent graduates.

There are two steps you can take in your Alumni Directory profile to build community and facilitate connections. These are outlined below.

## Career Network

First, make sure you have opted into the Career Network to let others know you're open to being contacted through the Alumni Directory. These steps outline how to do this:

1. Go to the HAA Alumni Directory at [community.alumni.harvard.edu/person](http://community.alumni.harvard.edu/person). This will take you to your own profile. While you are there, check your physical address and email address, contact preferences, and employer information. To make these edits, click the Edit Profile text in the top right of your profile.



2. After clicking on Edit Profile you will see pencil icons next to many of the sections. Click on the pencils to make edits. Under the Career section, look for the Career Network area on the right, and click the pencil next to 'Willing to network with:' and then a pop-up window will appear.



3. In the pop-up window, check the box next to "Willing to Network" and then in the menu for "Willing to network with:" select either "Alumni and Students" or "Alumni Only" When you're done, you can click Save in the pop-up window.

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The checkbox will notify others that you wish to network within the Community. If at any point you wish to remove networking from your profile, simply uncheck the checkbox.

**PLEASE NOTE:** at least one email must be set to display either publicly or privately on your profile. Please update your email settings if no emails appear in the dropdown.

**Willing to Network**

Willing to network with: \*

Alumni and Students ▾

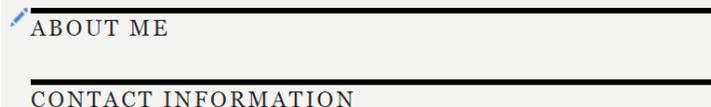
Send network inquiries to: \*

jlprince4@gmail.com ▾

## Update About Me Text

Next, you can update the “About Me” text to indicate how you can best support younger recent graduates. These steps outline how to do this:

1. Look for the “About Me” section near the top and click on the pencil next to it.



2. Make sure the box is checked for “Display” and then in the “Description” section add your information starting with the specific string “**Recent Grads, connect with me about...**” An example is below. When you’re done, you can click Save in the pop-up window.

**About Me** ✕

Tell us about yourself! Use the About Me section to include information about yourself not already contained within your profile. Please note that the character count limit is 1000 and this section supports plain text only.

Display **Description**

Recent grads, connect with me about business school, careers in nonprofit management, and buying a house in Massachusetts!

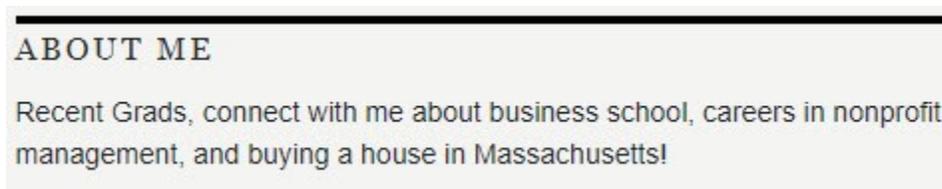
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3. Once finished, you can click on Done Editing at the top right of your profile where it previously said Edit Profile.



4. Your “About Me” section will now look like this in your profile:



## How Recent Grads Can Find You

Recent grads can go to the HAA Alumni Directory at [community.alumni.harvard.edu/person](http://community.alumni.harvard.edu/person). This will take them to their own profile. From there, they can search for “Recent Grads, connect with me about” to bring up the results.



Don't forget—the Alumni Directory is a resource for you as well! As the only verified online network of Harvard alumni, it's your go-to place to find and reconnect with classmates or make new connections when you search by company, location, industry, and more.